

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, paragraph [02] is amended as follows:

There are generally two basic types of optical fiber cables including a Central Tube Cable and a Loose Tube Cable. A Loose Tube Cable includes a central strength member around ~~with~~ which buffer tubes, housing the fibers, are wound. A jacket is provided around the buffer tubes. A Central Tube Cable does not have a central strength member in the optical fiber cavity. Instead, a Central Tube Cable generally includes a pair of radial strength members that are embedded in the cable jacket at positions diametrically opposite one another. The central cavity defined by the jacket, without any strength member, may include bare fibers, ribbons or buffer tubes containing optical fibers.

Page 3, paragraph [11] is amended as follows:

On the other hand, the bundle support member is not required to ~~have~~ withstand compressive or bending stresses. Rather, the bundle support member need only be capable of withstanding tensile stress which might result when the cable is subjected to a load. Therefore, the bundle support member may be flexible. Thus, the bundle support member may be made out of a string-like material. An example of such a strength member is KEVLAR® yarn, a product that is commercially available from E.I. Dupont de Nemours. KEVLAR® is a DuPont trademark for a family of aramid fibers. Other suitable materials include fiberglass, polyester, high tensile polypropylene, or the like.